

November 24, 2015



Mount Pleasant Area School District

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 472 Invoice Deadline for Funding Year 2014

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Billed Entity Number: 125376
Form 471 Application Number: 967282
Funding Request Number: 2637771 & 2642133
CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the Mount Pleasant Area School District, I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2014 Form 472 BEAR filing deadline so that we will not lose these vital funds.

We just learned after the fact that the deadline to file the BEAR was on October 28, 2015, and that we missed it. We understand that we must explain the extraordinary circumstances that we experienced in the hope that the FCC will find granting the waiver will be in the public interest.

We have gone through some personnel changes at our district and as a result, I was hired as the new Director of Technology to the Mount Pleasant Area School District. The gentleman before me left in mid-August, and only recently started with the District. Unfortunately I did not have the opportunity to speak to the gentleman that I replaced, and he did not share any information regarding E-rate, among other things, with the district.

This position has been a huge undertaking in terms of the challenges I've encountered in the District. I also do not have a background in E-rate, coming from the private sector. I did not know the program existed or any of the associated deadlines until I attended the "E-rate for Beginners' Class" on Monday, November 16th with Julie Tritt Schell. I have since gained a greater understanding of E-rate, and the significant importance of this program to our district. I beg of you the opportunity to correct our mistake.

The deadline oversight is purely unintentional.

The reimbursements will total \$6,857.28 & 1,656.00 respectively for the District's Broadband and Long Distance services. This may not be a large sum of money to some institutions, but it is extremely important in our District.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Shaner

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